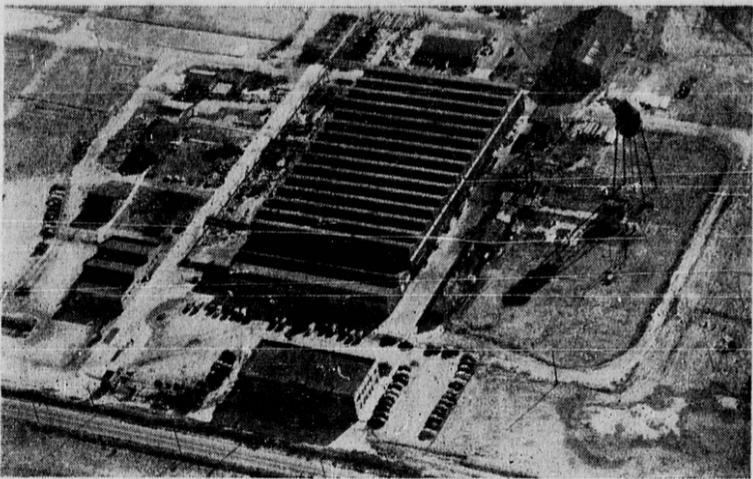


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TORRANCE PLANT SOLD . . . This is an air view of the plant on Lomita boulevard of the Joshua Hendy Iron Works which was sold last week to the National Electric Products Corp.

## Care Urged In Filing Income Tax Payments

Collector of Internal Revenue Harry C. Westover issued an appeal today to Southern California taxpayers to exercise more care in the preparation of their federal income tax returns which are due no later than next Monday, March 15.

"We have on hand at the moment almost 45 million dollars in checks and money orders which we are not able to identify."

"Unsigned checks run into the thousands. Additional thousands of checks come in with no indication of what tax they are supposed to cover. In most cases there is no address given so we are unable to communicate with the taxpayer. Many checks are written so badly that they are indecipherable."

"These mistakes must be rectified before taxpayers can be given their proper credits," Westover said.

"I urge people to realize that in handling more than two and a half million forms it is possible for checks to be separated from the tax blanks. They should write their checks with this fact in mind."

## ONE-ROOM SCHOOL HOUSE EXTINCTION NEAR IN L. A. CO.

More than 900 one-teacher school districts still remain in California, whereas only three such districts remain in Los Angeles County, according to a statement today by Dr. C. C. Trillingham, county superintendent of schools.

Dr. Trillingham stated further that the pupil population of Los Angeles County represents about 37 per cent of the state's total, and that he was pleased to note the improvement in school facilities for this area.

## NATIONAL ELECTRIC PRODUCTS PURCHASES TORRANCE PLANT OF JOSHUA HENDY IRON WORKS

The huge Joshua Hendy Iron Works on Lomita boulevard, in Torrance, has been purchased by the National Electric Products Corporation, it has been announced.

W. C. Robinson, president of the National Electric Products Corp., said that following the removal of Hendy machinery,

National Electric will equip this plant with 131,000 square feet of floor space for the manufacture of flexible electrical conduit, tubing and electrical fittings.

Robinson anticipates that National Electric production will start in September of this year.

The principal manufacturing building on the 27-acre site is a 360 ft. by 180 ft. one-story concrete and steel structure with 65,000 square feet of floor area. Other buildings include a welding and fabricating shop, carpenter shop, cafeteria, garage and structures housing compressors, boilers and oil storage.

The new National Electric factory also has a two-story office building with 13,400 square feet of floor area. The plant was erected in 1928 by the Hydril Corp. and has been occupied by the Hendy firm since 1942.

Robinson said that while it is still too early to analyze plant personnel requirements, several hundred persons ultimately will be employed by National Electric.

The California plant will be operated as a branch of the National Electric Products Corp. Ambridge, Pa. factory.

National Electric Products Corporation is the largest manufacturer in the United States of electrical roughing-in materials such as metallic and non-metallic conduit, metal molding, surface and underfloor raceways, wire, cable and fittings.

In making known the acquisition of the Torrance manufacturing facilities, Robinson indicated the need for West Coast

production had been felt for some time.

War production was said to have taxed the company's Ambridge plant to the limit. The following postwar demand for conduit, wire, cable and raceways created a large backlog of orders, many of them from western states.

Robinson inspected the Torrance plant three weeks ago and signed a purchase agreement with Hendy a few days later. However, this was denied by Hendy officials when rumors of the sale of the plant were circulated in Torrance.

Robinson founded the National Electric Products Corp. in 1905 with 15 employees then housed in a two-story brick building at 14th and Railroad streets in Ambridge. Originally the firm was known as the National Metal Molding Co.

Gradually new electrical products were placed in production and new buildings erected. The Ambridge plant now occupies 17 acres of ground and is considered to be the world's largest electrical conduit plant.

## Vets Education Subsistence Gain Automatic

The new increased subsistence allowances for eligible student-veterans will in most cases be automatic and veterans are requested not to call or write the Veterans Administration, L. C. Chapman, manager, VA Los Angeles Regional Office, said here today.

Chapman said all eligible veterans studying under Public Law 346, the G. I. Bill, and disabled veterans studying under Public Law 16, will receive automatic increases to \$75 or \$105 in pay checks due on or about May 1st.

Veterans pursuing full-time courses under the G. I. Bill and Public Law 16 with more than one dependent will receive instructions with pay checks due on March 31 on the method of applying for the further increase to \$120.

## Symington Will Speak

Secretary of the Air Force W. Stuart Symington has accepted an invitation to deliver a principal address at the California Air Policy Conference April 13-15. It was announced today by Chairman Terrell C. Drinkwater of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce Aviation Committee.

Other aviation leaders announcing they will attend the three-day study of state and national air affairs include Gen. Oliver P. Echols, president of the Aircraft Industries Association, and Adm. Emory S. Land, president of the Air Transport Association.



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